

Vermont Daily Transcript.

ST. ALBANS, VT.:
TUESDAY AUGUST 11, 1868.

Hereditary Honors.

We copy from the London Times of July 26 the following editorial article, which indicates that Democratic principles are gaining an ascendancy far greater than we had supposed among the thinking men of Great Britain. When the ablest and most influential of English papers comes out so strongly against the hereditary Peerage, we may suppose with some reason that it is influenced by or that it influences public sentiment greatly, and that the day of the highest privileges on account of birth, etc., is drawing to a close. The idea of passing a law pensioning some one yet unborn, or who has in no way won a title to recognition, could arise only in a country where a lucky accident of birth is counted equal with the deserts of genius; and the increasing intelligence of the English masses will soon make the carrying out of such an idea impossible. The Times article says:

The Queen, at the recommendation of the Ministry, made Sir R. Napier a Peer, the House of Commons voting \$2,000 a year to himself and his next heir. This must be considered as a foolish honor. Lord Napier of Magdala is not supposed to be a rich man, and he well deserves the pension for his own life that the Commons have voted. Had they decided to continue it to his wife, in case she survived him, they would also have done well; but two thousand a year to his eldest son, or the heir to his Peerage, is a misappropriation of public money in favor of an amiable system. If Lord Napier cannot settle a large sum in perpetuity, to descend with the title, there may soon be that unprofitable spectacle of a pauper lord. If he should leave a considerable family, and pinch the rest of them for the sake of an eldest son, he will act unfairly, and thus tarnish the honours of his Abyssinian campaign.

The City of London, in bestowing their freedom upon our Abyssinian chief, have tempted him to no wrong, placed him in no difficulty; and the reward they intend to present may be honorably held for generations in the family without requiring a pension to keep it bright. Happily, the absurd personage who now happens to be Lord Mayor was not the chief actor in the civic celebration. A much more gentlemanly and judicious officer, Mr. Scott, the Chamberlain, took the lead, and delivered an address marked by good feeling and good taste. Lord Napier replied in a speech which will help to show his simple character, and make the regret deeper than he has been converted into a supporter of that worn-out institution, the Hereditary Peerage, which all reasonable people believe ought not to last. We could not expect a Tory Ministry to rise again, and fight out, the Life Peerage question, and we cannot wonder at Sir Robert Napier accepting a mark of public approval, though given in an unphilosophical form. We hope the future Lord Napier of Magdala may turn out better than other inheritors of Peerages conferred for military success. Dukes of Marlborough have been good for nothing since the first one, and his moral character by no means equalled his military skill. The Duke of Wellington left none of his talent to the gentleman who now has the title and the great estates, and if in his possession the hereditary principle has so often failed, it is not very encouraging to try fresh experiments in the same direction. Perhaps, however, the hereditary legislation force may be played out before a new Lord Napier of Magdala may be called upon to wear honors he did not win.

A SENSIBLE AND REPENTANT REBEL.—The Republicans of the Second Arkansas District lately nominated James T. Elliott of Camden for Congress, and his letter accepting the nomination he uses this sensible language, which shows that he understands the political exigencies of the times and appreciates the position taken by the Republican party and the principles contained in its platform:

"I am a truly and thoroughly reconstructed rebel. I say this in no canting or boasting spirit. I detest a hypocrite and despise the man who, like the vain glorious Pharisee of old, makes an ostentatious parade of assumed humility when his heart is full of pride and deceit. When I say that I am a reconstructed rebel, I do not say it in that spirit which suggests extraordinary virtues or claims extraordinary considerations; nor, on the other hand, do I say it in that spirit of undue humility which suggests a craven and coward heart. But I say it in that open, frank and manly spirit of one who has the honesty to confess that he has done wrong, and the courage to say that he is sorry for it. Unhesitatingly and unreservedly accept the Republican platform as adopted at Chicago, and will sink or swim with it; and believe that the principles therein enunciated contain the great fundamental idea of restoring the Union upon a fair basis. I believe the Republican party has proved true and faithful to its promises and policy, and will finally succeed in establishing that policy."

CANADIAN NEWS.—Dr. N. A. Smith, of Frelighsburg, who was a graduate of Bellevue Hospital College, New York City, and the New York Ophthalmic School, previous to his entrance into McGill University, has been elected a member of the National Medical Association of Philadelphia and presented with the Diploma of the same.

The Montreal News says that while two policemen were on duty near the Victoria barracks, Montreal, early Wednesday morning, they were fired at by a soldier of the 100th Regiment from a barracks window. Fortunately the shot did not take effect. The man was immediately arrested by one of the sergeants while in the act of reloading his rifle for a second attempt.

New York Correspondence.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8, 1868.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT:

After a not-over-long residence in New York, and one or two calls at St. Albans, I have made up my mind that the city thinks more, in proportion to its size, of its Park than the village does of its beautifully located and shaded Common. The truth seems to be, the city means to make the most of its Central and semi-rural Elysium, while the village does not mean anything in particular, and lets its chance for making a "beauty spot" that would be worth dollars to it in attracting visitors, and pleasing your own citizens, pass unimproved from year to year. Recently New York has started another project which is destined to add an interest to her park which will be felt through all the country, and call every visitor of the city who has any time on his hands which can be devoted to a most improving pleasure, to devote a few hours to a visit there. The accompanying correspondence, in the manuscript of the gentlemen named, will more fully explain my meaning. This correspondence has escaped publication thus far, and the citizens of the Empire City will be behind you in the knowledge of what it promises. By the way of explanation I may premise that Mr. Hawkins is one of the most experienced naturalists in the world; that he performed with great credit a work at Sydenham Palace, near London, similar to that solicited of him here, and that for about a year he has been in this country, devoting a portion of his time to lectures upon the special department of knowledge which has given him renown. The correspondence does not lack interest because of its date, but will be read by many with the deepest interest, as promising much towards the education of the masses, by the promotion of a love for knowledge in a department of natural history heretofore nearly inaccessible to the people.

Office of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, 31 Nassau St., New York, May 2, 1868.

DEAR SIR:

Recognizing the interest that has long attended your restorations of the forms of extinct animals in Europe, the Commissioners of the Central Park have thought that a similar work in the direction of reconstituting the phenomena of the ancient epochs of this Continent would be of equal scientific value, and of especial interest in an educational point of view.

The admitted advantages of an exhibition of a rehabilitated animal over one showing the mere remains of its fossil frame are not to be questioned, and as this improved method of bringing before us creatures of a past age, is chiefly due to your skill and scientific labors, the Commissioners are desirous to make at least a commencement in this direction if they can feel assured of your co-operating interest and supervising skill and advice.

It gives me great pleasure in their behalf, to propose to you to undertake the resuscitation of a group of animals of the former periods of the American Continent.

Should your engagements be such as to admit of your entering upon this work that will so well supplement your previous achievements in the same department, I think I may promise you the sympathy and support of the scientific men of this country, and that museums and collections of fossil treasures, public and private, will be fully opened for such examinations as you may desire to make in the prosecution of this interesting undertaking.

With great respect,
ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller of the Park.
B. WATERHOUSE HAWKINS, Esq.

No. 1 IRVING PLACE, COR. EAST 14TH ST., NEW YORK CITY.
May 9th 1868.

DEAR SIR:

I have received your favor of May 2d, proposing on behalf of the Commissioners for the Central Park of New York the restoration of a group of ancient fossil animals in the grounds under their control where art has already accomplished so much for public pleasure and improvement.

The interest in the remains of ancient animal life which Geology has revealed within the last half century, is worldwide, and almost romantic in its influence upon the imagination, and I quite agree with you that there can hardly be a question as to the advantage of representing these remains clothed in the forms which science now ventures to define.

The restorations which were committed to my charge in the Crystal Palace Park at Sydenham, were the first efforts of the kind ever attempted, and their acknowledged success both in commanding the approval of scientific men and also a large measure of public appreciation encourages me to hope that a similar enterprise may meet with equal favor on this side of the Atlantic.

In regard to the educational value of these restorations to which you are pleased to refer, I would say that if it was marked and most decisive in England, notwithstanding their situation, several miles from London, where they were only accessible through a charge for admission, it may be assumed that benefits will be greatly enhanced here

where the animals conspicuously placed in your grand Park would be open to all. Nor do I fail to recognize the eminent advantages which result from that high condition of popular intelligence for which this country is pre-eminently distinguished.

Your kind intimation that I may expect the favor and sympathy of the scientific men of the United States in carrying out this work, is very gratifying to me, as I come among you a stranger scarcely expecting to resume my former labors under such auspicious circumstances in a foreign country, while my experience of the most hospitable kindness and a general interest manifested in those subjects to which I have devoted my life, confirms my assurance that the aid and support I so greatly need will be generously accorded.

Sincerely appreciating this flattering evidence of your confidence, I accept the proposal, and am prepared to enter at once upon the preliminary steps of the undertaking.

With the highest consideration, I am dear sir,

Yours faithfully,
B. WATERHOUSE HAWKINS.
TO ANDREW H. GREEN, Esq.,
Comptroller,
Central Park, New York.

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The annual meeting of this company was held at Sumner's, in Dalton, N. H. the 4th inst. The old board of Directors were re-elected; viz.: Israel Washburn Jr. of Portland, Horace Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury, James B. Sumner of Dalton, John G. Sinclair of Bethlehem, Charles Hartshorn of Littleton, F. Wolcott of Conway. Besides the incorporators, quite a large number of the friends of the enterprise were present from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, and the meeting was enthusiastic throughout. Gov. Washburn and Gen. Anderson made remarks giving assurance of the abiding faith of the citizens of Portland in the enterprise, and their determination to push the same to a speedy completion, and showing what progress had been made in the State of Maine. Similar remarks were made by Geo. W. Hendee, Horace Fairbanks and J. Ross as to the work in Vermont. Hon. Jacob Benton, John G. Sinclair, James B. Sumner, Geo. B. Redington, Geo. A. Bingham and Oasian Ray, spoke in behalf of the people of New Hampshire pledging them to do their share towards building the road through N. H. The incorporators passed the following resolution:

Resolved.—That the Directors be requested to cause such surveys of the various routes for building the railroad to be made as they deem the most expedient, to secure the earliest and best location thereof practicable; and that they cause subscription books to the capital stock to be opened as soon as may be; and that they take such further action as they deem the most appropriate to secure the earliest construction of the road.

On the adjournment of the meeting, the directors elected John G. Sinclair President, and Geo. A. Bingham, Secretary and Treasurer. They also appointed committees to attend to the duty of making surveys, and opening subscription books to the stock. They also appointed a committee, consisting of Gov. Washburn, Messrs. Fairbanks and Hartshorn, to confer with the directors of the other roads of the line in Maine and Vermont as to the appointment of an engineer-in-chief for the entire line. —Caledonian.

A REMARKABLE CASE.—The Windsor Journal contains the following account of a remarkable case of a child with a large head:

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